

**ARENA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 25, 2008 5:30 PM Everett Arena**

Present: Chairman Nick Wallner, Mike Gfroerer, Dave Palisi, Bob Lachapelle, Michelle Mullen, Gary Young, Gerry Blanchette, Arena & Properties Manager Jeff Bardwell, Public Properties Superintendent Jeff Hoadley, Ken Lurvey, Ed Roberge  
Excused:, Tom Ackerson, Councilors Candice White & Dick Patten

Guests: Warren Billings and Phil Donovan of Concord Crew

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM.

**Boat House Proposal**

Ken Lurvey presented a conceptual master plan of the arena site that included future baseball/softball field, multipurpose field, and proposed boat house sited west of the skate park. Discussion took place of the various options for locating the boat house on the parcel including; the original proposal of the NE corner of the property, north of the skate park and east of the arena by the bridge. Lurvey explained that locating the boat house on the parcel the arena sits on is problematic due to the federal funds used to purchase the parcel originally. Ed Roberge explained the boat house was sited west of the skate park to maintain a travel corridor to the river and adjoining parcel. Discussion took place on moving the skate park next to Loudon Road or to another site such as Terrell Park. Michelle Mullen indicated that the boat house should be located where it would have the least impact such as the cutting of trees down in the park. There was concurrence by members of the committee that the existing park should be preserved. There was further concurrence by members that moving the skate board park to a proposed location near Loudon Road would impact on parking. Parking is an important feature of activities and events at the arena and any reduction of space availability would impact on the enterprising expectations.

Mike Gfroerer made a motion not to move the skate park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Palisi, discussion none, motion passed unanimously.

Mike Gfroerer made a motion to locate the boat house in the NE corner of the parcel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Mullen, discussion none, motion passed unanimously. The committee, in approving this motion, was supporting a site as close to the river and the eastern boundary as physically possible; the committee also supported that the boat house location process seek whatever relief it might need from any restrictive ordinance(s).

Discussion took place on the potential conflicts of use on the parcel between arena events, Concord Crew practices, and any other events held at the park. Ken Lurvey indicated that all events should be scheduled through the arena and the arena event would take priority over any other use of the combined parcels. The committee was in full agreement that any and all activities that took place at the site, regardless of its nature, needed to be coordinated by one entity.

Ed Roberge asked if there were any other features the arena advisory would like to incorporate; Mike Gfroerer indicated an amp theater. Nick Wallner asked about the lease that would be drafted between the City of Concord and Concord Crew. Ken Lurvey explained he would be drafting the lease agreement. Nick Wallner asked if the arena advisory would have the opportunity to review the agreement, Ken Lurvey indicated that the arena advisory would have the opportunity to review.

**Dasher Board Update**

Jeff Bardwell updated the arena advisory on the dasher board proposal. Rink Systems from Minnesota is interested in taking the existing fiberglass boards in trade towards the refurbished set of dasher boards Concord Youth Hockey has offered to purchase.

Dave Palisi made a motion to accept the proposal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Mullen, discussion none, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Arena & Properties Manager